



Supreme Court of Illinois

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NEW BOOK DETAILS HISTORY OF THE STATE'S HIGHEST COURT

A new book has been released to help celebrate the Bicentennial of the Illinois Courts. *Adjudicating Illinois: Justices of the Illinois Supreme Court* by John A. Lupton, the Executive Director of the Illinois Supreme Court Historic Preservation Commission, is a biographical compilation of the lives and careers of the 117 individuals who have sat on the Supreme Court of Illinois since its inception in 1818. The roster of justices includes governors, senators, a presidential candidate, a professional football player, and career lawyers and judges. Part reference and part narrative, the book tells the story of Illinois through the people who decided the state's paramount issues and through the cases that demonstrate changes in society, agriculture, technology, and many other issues affecting Illinois and beyond.

The Supreme Court Historic Preservation Commission has worked in consultation with the Illinois Supreme Court and the Illinois Bicentennial Commission to commemorate the Bicentennial. A museum quality exhibition, called the Bicentennial of Illinois Law, is traveling across the state to provide information about the court and its history. History on Trial: Historic Cases Project has been an outreach effort to all 102 counties to discover important court cases in Illinois. And a Bicentennial Gala was held at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum in Springfield on Oct. 9 to commemorate 200 years of the third branch of the Illinois government.

John A. Lupton has served as the Executive Director of the Illinois Supreme Court Historic Preservation Commission since 2009. Previously he worked for 18 years with the Lincoln Legal Papers/Papers of Abraham Lincoln project to make Lincoln's legal papers available to the public in two award-winning publications. He is the author of numerous works on Abraham Lincoln and legal history, including the editing of *Prairie Justice: A History of Illinois Courts Under French, English and American Law*.

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